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In re Application of: James A. Spudich et al.

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Entitled:

Reversible Immobilization of Arginine-Tagged

Moieties On A Silicate Surface

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JULY 15, 2003 **OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir or Madam:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, a response to which is due on or before October 15, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following. To expedite prosecution, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to call the undersigned at (415) 904-6500 before drafting another written communication, if any.

Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this communication.